the Union Government to settle the dispute within a year as per the provision of Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000; and

(c) if so, what action has so far been taken by the Central Government to put the deadlock to an end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As per provisions of Section 47(1) of the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000, the assets and liabilities relating to any commercial or industrial undertaking of the existing State of Bihar shall pass to the State in which the undertaking is located. Jharkhand Government has issued a notification dated 27.2.2001 taking over the Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed against the Union of India and Others in the Patna High Court for quashing the notification dated 27.2.2001 issued by the Government of Jharkhand, whereby Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. was notifed as an undertaking of the State of Jharkhand. However, the High Court in its judgement dated 27.6.2001 has dismissed the PIL.

(b) and (c) For apportionment of assets and liabilities to make the new Jharkhand State Electricity Board functional, Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by clause (a) of sub section (4) of Section 62 of the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000 has notified order on 22nd March, 2001 for provisional allocation of assets, liabilities, rights and undertaking of the existing Board between Boards of Bihar and Jharkhand with effect from 1.4.2001.

Power deficit States in the country

403. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power deficit States in the country;

(b) whether Ministry has directed the Central Electrcity Authority (CEA) to initiate discussion with the power deficit States;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Electricity Authority in this regard; and

(d) the measures adopted to remove power crisis in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) the State-wise power supply position during April-June 2001 is given in the statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) was asked to carry out study regarding utilization of surplus generation capacity available in various regions in the country. CEA has accordingly prepared a strategy paper in this regard, which was circulated to NTPC, PGCIL, DVC and all Regional Electricity Boards. A meeting with the representatives of NTPC, PGCIL, DVC and CEA was held on 3rd May, 2001 for finding ways for utilization of surplus power to the extent possible. A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (Power) has also been constituted to formulate a short-term Action Plan for evacuation of surplus power from the Eastern Region.

(d) The following steps are being taken to meet the gap between demand and supply of power:—

(i) Promotion of inter-State and Inter-Regional power transfers by Construction of transmission links and finally formation of the National Grid.

(ii) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) and life extension of existing old and inefficient generating units. Special fund under the Accelerated Power Development Programme for undertaking R&M schemes is being provided to States.

(iii) Speedy implementation of Reforms and Restructuring in the Power Sector.

(iv) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in Plant Load Factor of thermal units.

(v) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses.

(vi) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vii) Disbursement of loans by the Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under Accelerated Generation Programme.

(viii) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme to enable doubling of the present generation by 2012.

(ix) Formulation of hydel policy for exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

Statement

Actual Power Supply Position

(All figures in MU net)

	Period-APRIL' 2001-JUNE' 2001			
REGION/STATE/ SYSTEM	Requirep ment	Avail- ability	shortage	%
1	2	3	4	5
NORTHERN REGION				
CHANDIGARH	292	292	0	0
DELHI	4980	4807	173	3.5
HARYANA	4070	4031	39	1
H.P.	805	784	21	2.6
J&K	1585	1313	272	17.2
PUNJAB	7135	6771	364	5.1
RAJASTHAN	5675	5595	80	1.4
U.P.	11505	10297	1208	10.5
N.R.	**36047**	**33890**	**2157**	**6**
WESTERN REGION				
CHHATTISGARH	1820	1788	32	1.8
GUJARAT	13290	11854	1436	10.8
M.P.	6960	5818	1142	16.4
MAHARASHTRA	19323	18353	970	5

1	2	3	4	5
GOA	428	428	0	0
W.R.	**41821**	**38241**	**3580**	**8.6**
SOUTHERN REGION				
A.P.	11253	10221	1032	9.2
KARNATAKA	8023	7320	703	8.8
KERALA	2884	2708	176	6.1
TAMIL NADU	11479	10688	791	6.9
S.R.	**33639**	**30937**	**2702**	**8**
EASTERN REGION				
BIHAR	2324	2170	154	6.6
D.V.C.	2038	2038	0	0
ORISSA	2857	2857	0	0
WEST BENGAL	5048	5036	12	0.2
E.R.	**12267**	**12101**	**166**	**1.4**
NORTH-EASTERN REGION				
ARUNACHAL PR.	33.5	32.5	1	3
ASSAM	837	826.7	10.3	1.2
MANIPUR	110	97.6	12.4	11.3
MEGHALAYA	140.5	145.4	-4.9	3.5
MIZORAM	63.9	62.1	1.8	2.8
NAGALAND	59.1	58.4	0.7	1.2
TRIPURA	162.7	148.5	14.2	8.7
N.E.R.	**1406.7**	**1371.2**	**35.5**	**2.5**
ALL INDIA	**125181**	**116540**	**8641**	**6.9**